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ABSTRACT

This volume contains revised versions of 16 essays presented at a conference, "Rethinking School Governance," hosted by Harvard's Program on Education Policy and Governance in June 1997. Part 1, "Introduction," contains two chapters: (1) "School Choice: A Report Card" (Paul E. Peterson); and (2) "The Case for Charter Schools" (Bryan C. Hassel). Part 2, "School Choice and School Reform," contains three chapters: (3) "Governance and Educational Quality" (John E. Brandl); (4) "Civic Values in Public and Private Schools (Jay P. Green); and (5) "Policy Churn and the Plight of Urban School Reform" (Frederick M. Hess). Part 3, "Public School Choice," contains five chapters: (6) "Analyzing School Choice Reforms That Use America's Traditional Forms of Parental Choice" (Caroline M. Hoxby); (7) "Interdistrict Choice in Massachusetts" (David L. Armour and Brett M. Peiser); (8) "Charter Schools as Seen by Students, Teachers, and Parents" (Gregg Vanourek, Bruno V. Manno, Chester E. Finn, Jr., and Louann A. Bierlein); (9) "The Performance of Privately Managed Schools: An Early Look at the Edison Project" (John E. Chubb); and (10) "Charter Schools: Politics and Practice in Four States" (Bryan C. Hassel). Part 4, "Vouchers for Private Schools," contains four chapters: (11) "Comparing Public Choice and Private Voucher Programs in San Antonio" (R. Kenneth Godwin, Frank P. Kemerer, and Valerie J. Martinez); (12) "Evidence from the Indianapolis Voucher Program" (David J. Weinschrott and Sally B. Kilgore); (13) "School Choice in Milwaukee: A Randomized Experiment" (Jay P. Greene, Paul E. Peterson, Jiangtao Du); and (14) "Lessons from the Cleveland Scholarship Program" (Jay P. Greene, William G. Howell, and Paul E. Peterson). Part 5, "Constitutional Issues," contains two chapters: (15) "Why Parents Should Choose" (Stephen G. Gilles); and (16) "School Choice and State Constitutional Law" (Joseph P. Viteritti). (Contains 112 tables and 23 figures.) (RIB)

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